

REMARKS

Regarding the Examiner's comment No. 1 pertaining to the reference to "a clamp as claimed in Claim 1", paragraph [0007] of the Specification has been replaced.

Regarding the Examiner's comment No. 2 pertaining to cited informalities, those informalities have been corrected in the amended claims above.

Regarding the Examiner's comments 3 and 4 pertaining to Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. 102 over Mandell, claim 1 has been amended, and claim 3 has been completely revised, both changes being made to overcome the rejection. The inventive concept of Applicant's clamp is that of a multi-part body, with complementary ends of each part being engagable to form edges of the body. The unitary design of Mandell is not comparable, in particular since Mandell's clamp may only be used for two distinct sized bars, whereas Applicant's clamp may be disassembled and two facing (parallel) plates may be substituted for one different sized bar. Therefore, Applicant's clamp is far more versatile, and as is mentioned in the specification, utilizes less material to accomplish a wider variety of clamping situations.

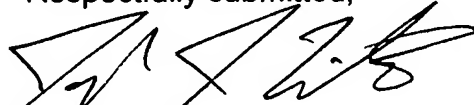
Regarding the Examiner's comment 5 pertaining to Claim Rejections in view of Csiki, claim 1 has been amended and claim 3 completely revised, both changes again being made to overcome the rejection. In particular, claims 1 and 3 now refer to the spacing apart of the parallel (i.e., facing) plates and the interlocking ends of the adjacent plates, which features, both individually and in combination, are clearly distinct from Csiki's clamp.

Regarding the Examiner's rejection of claim 8, as unpatentable, again over Csiki, Applicant has clarified the nature of the claimed "machine" (i.e., it is not a machine that *packages graphics*, but rather it is a *folding-glueing* machine for manufacturing paper articles), and also the nature of the "tools" (i.e., they are not tools used to *assemble* the machine, but rather they are *blank-processing* tools used directly in the manufacture of the paper articles).

Therefore, Applicant respectfully asserts that, in view of the foregoing amendments, neither Mandell or Csiki, either individually or in combination, anticipate the subject matter of claims 1, 3 and 8. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejections of claims 1, 3 and 8 as unpatentable over Mandell or Csiki is solicited and Applicant respectfully requests that the application be passed to issue.

Should the Examiner find the Application to be other than in condition for allowance, or in the event the Examiner believes a conference would serve to advance the prosecution of this application in any way, the undersigned attorney is available at the number noted below.

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